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For: POLYACRYLAMIDE HYDROGEL AND ITS USE AS AN ENDOPROSTHESIS

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING  
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Sir:

Responsive to the attached copy of U.S. Patent and Trademark Office "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" ("Notice") mailed September 26, 2001, Applicants submit herewith a signed Declaration. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that a filing date of August 27, 2001, be granted to this application.

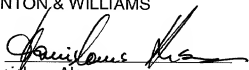
A Preliminary Amendment enclosing an Abstract of the Disclosure, also required by the Notice, is filed herewith.

A check in the amount of \$130.00 is enclosed for the fee for late filing of the Declaration. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the PTO charges, including extension of time petitions, please charge or credit any difference to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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